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My dear Friend, I had hoped to be  
able to comply with your invitation  
to make you and your beloved  
husband a visit at Brookline,  
accompanied by my beloved Helen;  
but the only thing I can do, in the  
hurry of preparing to leave home  
for the fair West on Monday after-  
noon next, is to send you this  
brief and hasty written note, -  
a special object of which is to thank  
you very heartily for your kind  
donation of \$10, towards remuner-  
ating me for the sum so Wright-  
eously exacted of me at the Custom  
House, on account of the tea service  
presented to me by my friends in  
Edinburgh, Scotland. Through the  
activity of that philanthropic and  
lovely woman, Mrs. E. F. Miriam,

the whole amount has been raised,  
and put into my hands — and I will  
add, at a time when it proves specially  
acceptable, in consequence of a pressure  
of circumstances. To each of the  
donors, in this case, I desire to make  
my grateful acknowledgments.

Next to a fort, arsenal, naval  
reservoir, and military array, I hate a  
Custom House — not because of the  
tax it imposes on the friendless Scot-  
ish gift, but as a matter of principle.  
I go for free trade and free inter-  
communication the world over, and  
deny the right of any body of men to  
erect geographical or national barriers  
in opposition to these natural, essential  
and sacred rights. Every government  
must be regarded as a tyranny, and  
unworthy of approbation, that erects  
or maintains such barriers. It also  
is controlled by a very short-sighted  
policy. — But this is not the place for

a treatise on Political Economy -

During the next eight or nine weeks, I expect to travel many hundreds of miles, attend numerous public meetings, and address many thousands of the people in relation to the wrongs and sufferings of the three million captives in our land. The excursion will be attended with novelty all the way through, as I have hitherto seen very little of Pennsylvania, and nothing of Ohio. I trust the mission will not be wholly in vain, brief as it must be on the score of time.

How great has been the progress of the anti-slavery cause since we became acquainted with each other! Yes, since the memorable year 1835! Through what trials, difficulties, misrepresentations, outrages, apostacies, mutations, has that cause passed; and with what a divine energy it has thus far overcome all

opposition! "The best of all" as the dying John Wesley said, "God is with us." That the cause of suffering humanity is His - that, in being faithful to it, we are continually and abundantly rewarded - that those who resist its march are sure to be vanquished - who can doubt? "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy." All chains shall yet be broken, and freedom become universal.

Though it is very seldom I have the pleasure of seeing you and Mr. Loring, be assured that your friendship is very highly prized, and your kindnesses remembered with a grateful heart. My warmest regards to E. G. L.

Your much obliged friend,  
Wm. Lloyd Garrison.

Mrs. L. Loring -